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The Rayalaseema Development Board.

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[Answered on 15th July 1953. Supplementary questions continued.]

SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI :—" Of the 61 recommendations of this Board up to 7th March 1953, how many have been provided for in the current Budget as far as the recommendations falling within the purview of this Government are concerned? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I would like to invite the attention of the hon. Member to the answer to question No. 575 which has been put down for to-day."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" In selecting the representatives of the people of Rayalaseema for constituting the Rayalaseema Development Board, may I know the reason why Mr. Nagi Reddi who defeated Mr. Sanjeeva Reddi had been omitted and Mr. Sanjeeva Reddi had been given a place in the Board? Does it mean that Mr. Sanjeeva Reddi who had been defeated in the general elections represents the people more fully than Mr. Nagi Reddi who defeated him? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" This question has nothing to do with the present question. Those people who were considered fit to represent the people of Rayalaseema were chosen as members of the Board."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" What is the criterion that the Government adopt to judge whether a person is fit to represent the people or not? Is it the opinion of the Government that a person who had been defeated in the elections and rejected by the people a fit person to represent the very people who threw him out? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" That is not at all the consideration that weighed with the Government, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" My question has not been answered straightaway, Sir. I want a definite answer from the Government as to why Mr. Nagi Reddi and other Communist M.L.As. had not been chosen as members of the Board and as to why Mr. Sanjeeva Reddi who was defeated in the elections was chosen in preference to Mr. Nagi Reddi."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" If the hon. Member were to peruse the list carefully he would find that besides Mr. Sanjeeva Reddi, there are very many members on the Board."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" The Hon. Minister can give a definite and clear-cut answer. He might say ' A separate question may be put ' or ' I want notice, Sir ' or some such thing, by way of reply. Instead, the Hon. Minister is giving evasive replies. I want a straight answer, Sir."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the discussion is taking a political turn. Members who were nominated

to the Board are chosen according to the best discretion of the Government from people who are interested in the districts, who are acquainted with the subjects concerned and who have a mature understanding in respect of all matters concerned."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I take it that the Government in these cases are dividing the responsibility between the defeated and the elected people, the elected people to represent the public in the Legislature and the defeated people to represent in other places? " (Cheers from Opposition Benches.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That is also quite a plausible justification in some cases. But in most cases it should not be inferred that only the persons who have been nominated are competent and the rest are declared incompetent. Only a certain number can be added after all."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" May I take it then that the Government mean by the word ' representative ' only the ' representative of the Government ' and not the ' representative of the people '? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" ' Representative ' means that nothing should be done to put in people who are ' unrepresentative '."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" In view of the fact that the Rayalaseema Development Board has not done any useful work till now, will the Government consider the desirability of winding up the same? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If that is the opinion of a person for whose opinions I have great respect, it shall be duly considered, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" On a point of order, Sir. The Hon. Chief Minister had insinuated the Communist Members, Sir. I shall explain how. He had just now told that people who had been nominated to the Board were chosen according to the best discretion of the Government from among those who are interested in the welfare of the districts and who are acquainted with the subjects concerned therein."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" And are of mature understanding."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Does it mean that the Communist M.L.As. who had been chosen as the representatives of the people and who had defeated Mr. Sanjeeva Reddi and others are not fit to be the representatives of the people and are they not acquainted with the subjects concerning Rayalaseema? I submit, Sir, that the Hon. Chief Minister had thus insinuated us. Therefore, Sir, I would request you, Mr. Speaker, to give your ruling on the same."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" Ruling! On what point am I to give a ruling? "

9-40 a.m. THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I agree, Sir, every one has a right to make remarks but I have already anticipated Sri Venkateswarlu's point and said that those who have not been included should not understand it as a declaration having been made against them; it is only a certain number that could be included."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Sir, may I know if the selection is made on the recommendation of responsible Government officials or whether the Government are making the selections *suo motu*? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The recommendations of Government officials have not been called for in this particular case. The Minister in charge of this knows all the people."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" I am glad, Sir, the Hon. the Chief Minister has stated that people who are representatives of the people alone would be chosen. That being so, Sir, may I know whom Mr. Sanjeeva Reddi represents and if so, how was his representative character measured or judged? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I expect Sri Sanjeeva Reddi will be the Chief Minister of the new Andhra State."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sri Sanjeeva Reddi's going to be the Chief Minister of the Andhra State is not the concern of this Legislature. I would only like to know how Mr. Sanjeeva Reddi was representative of any section of the people in so far as this Development Board was concerned; we are not at all concerned with the machinations of the Congress Party concerning things that they may do later on."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Anyone with an impartial and just understanding of public affairs will take it that one who is expected universally to become the Chief Minister of the Andhra State is representative of the people and is fit to serve on this constructive Board."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that Sri Sanjeeva Reddi has been elected to the Council of States by the Members of the Legislative Assembly to represent the whole Assembly in the Council of States? "

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Is it the policy of the Government to put in people in particular positions because they will become something in future and is it not their policy to look into the minds of the people and select such people as have been selected by the people? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is easier to understand actual elections than to understand the minds of the people."